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17 July 1961

DEPUTIES' MEETING

Present: Mr. Dulles, General Cabell (part of meeting), Mr. Bissell,
Mr. Amory, Colonel White, Mr. Kirkpatrick, Mr. Helms,
Mr. Barnes, Mr. Sheldon, Mr. Kent, [redacted]

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MR. DULLES:

a. Noted his continuing concern about The Congo and commented that in his opinion there is a 50-50 chance that the UN will bring Gizenga back. Mr. Bissell agreed that there is a good chance that things will go sour there. The Director stated that he thought this situation should be brought up during the critical areas discussion at tomorrow's USIB meeting, (Action: General Cabell) and also asked Mr. Kent to prepare a very brief memorandum on this subject for General Taylor.

MR. BISSELL:

Noted a memorandum prepared by [redacted] regarding the collection effort and collection capabilities of the intelligence agencies, and commented that he wished this would be watched closely in order to hold down requests from the Defense Intelligence Agencies to increase their covert collection activities in lieu of placing requirements on CIA. He said in particular this pertains to [redacted]

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MR. AMORY:

a. Noted recent articles in the New York Times and the Wall Street Journal regarding Project WALNUT, and commented that in his opinion IBM had said too much. Mr. Helms stated that while he agreed these pieces contained too much information, they are not unfavorable to CIA; however, he would speak to the appropriate people in IBM and bring this matter to their attention.

b. Stated it had been reported to him that some of the members of the class of JOT's which has about completed its training had been acting more like children than mature men and, in the absence of Mr. Baird, had spoken to [redacted] about this. He said as a result Mr. Baird had suggested that ten of these trainees be fired. Mr. Helms said he wanted to make it clear that he based his conversation with [redacted]

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on reports and not on a thorough investigation. He therefore hoped no action would be taken until the matter is thoroughly looked into. Colonel White remarked that Mr. Baird had also spoken to him about this problem and he is having it looked into. Action: DD/S

MR. KENT:

a. Referred to the Record of NSC Actions taken at the NSC meeting on 13 July and noted that action to prepare an Estimate of Soviet intentions had been assigned to the Secretaries of State and Defense. He said in all probability this will fall to Roger Hilsman and suggested that the Board of National Estimates furnish their comments on this subject to the Director. The Director concurred.

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b. Stated that [redacted] is coming in on Thursday, 20 July, to report on his recent visit to [redacted]. He said that [redacted] had expressed deep appreciation for the assistance furnished him by the CIA Chiefs of Station at these posts.

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COLONEL WHITE:

a. Reported that Sam Crosby of the House Appropriations Committee had read over the weekend reports of U-2 overflights of Cuba and had asked for the facts. The Director agreed that Crosby should have them for the benefit of the Committee and also concurred in the suggestion that the same type briefing be furnished Bob Smart for the Kilday Committee. Mr. Bissell undertook to designate someone to provide this briefing.

b. Referred to a discussion at a recent Deputies' Meeting regarding adoption of the exposed badge system for the new building and after some discussion, it was agreed that it would be taken up at the Senior Staff Meeting this morning and comments would be requested. Note: This matter was raised and Colonel White indicated elements of DD/P and DD/I would be contacted for their views.

MR. KIRKPATRICK:

Reported he had looked into the shipment of helium from the U. S. to Cuba and found it had been authorized by the Department of State for use in weather balloons provided the Cubans continued to furnish data gathered by these balloons.

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